

August 27, 2013

The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on August 27, 2013. Mayor Sherman Schapiro called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Lana Manzanita, Kevin Benjamin, Stephen Kullmann and Greg Sawatzky. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen.

### **Motion to Approve Agenda**

*Councilmember Sawatzky moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Closed Session -**

*Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to enter into closed session. The motion carried. Closed session adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Mayor Schapiro reported out that the City Manager had a favorable evaluation.*

### **Public Input**

*Merritt Perry spoke to the Council regarding his concerns with Blue Lake Power's on going lighting and noise problems. He wants to work with the City but fears the substance of his complaint won't be addressed unless he files a law suit, then it would get taken seriously. He stated he doesn't want to do that. He has been on this for over a year and realizes the City doesn't have all the resources to deal with all of the technical portions of this problem. He stated that he looks for Council support of this issue and invited Councilmembers to come to his residence to evaluate the lighting and noise concern.*

### **Councilmember Manzanita: Discussion of California League of Cities Literature – Pick an Article(s), from this literature Member Would Like to Discuss/Comment About**

*Councilmember Manzanita reviewed the literature with Council. She stated that active listening was a common thread in all four documents and the Ethics oath would not be a bad idea for the Council to consider.*

### **Fourth Quarter Report – Strategic Planning (Review/Accept)**

*City Manager Berchtold gave an update on the Strategic Plan Fourth Quarter Report. Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve the Fourth Quarter Strategic Planning Report. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Proposal for Update of Personnel Policies (Accept)**

*City Manager Berchtold gave information to Council regarding proposals for the update to the personnel policy manual.*

### **Councilmember Manzanita: Opposition to SB594 Limiting Ballot Advocacy by Local Government Organizations (Action)**

*Councilmember Manzanita presented Council with the Legislative letter opposing SB594. After discussion, Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the opposition letter SB594. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Consent Agenda**

**Internal Budget Reserve – Travel Expense for Legislative Liaison –** *After questions and discussion, Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to accept the Internal Budget Reserve Travel Expense with the correction of \$1,400.00. The motion carried unanimously.*

**California League of Cities Business Meeting Delegate –** *After brief discussion, Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to designate City Manager Berchtold as the voting delegate for the California League of Cities Business Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Reports of Council and Staff**

*Councilmember Sawatzky reported on Dell Arte's new grant project and asked Councilmember Manzanita to attend a meeting on Thursday in his absence. Councilmember Kullmann reported that the Mad River Summerfest program was cancelled due to insurance filing problems. Councilmember Manzanita reported that there will be a hazardous waste day at the Blue Lake Rancheria on October 19, 2013*

*from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and CERT training will be on September 19, 2013. Mayor Schapiro reported on Humboldt County Association of Governments approval for improvements for the Highway 101 corridor. City Manager Berchtold reported that SHN Engineering drafted and proposed a scope of work report for Mad River Brewery and a deposit was received for \$10,000.00 from the brewery.*

**Motion to Adopt Minutes from:**

**July 23, 2013** –*Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve the minutes of July 23, 2013 with changes. Motion passed.*

**August 13, 2013-** *Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve the minutes of August 13, 2013 with changes. Motion passed with Councilmember Benjamin abstaining.*

**August 14, 2013-** *Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the minutes of August 14, 2013. The motion passed.*

**Future Agenda Items**

*Closed session for Manager Review filing; Planning Commission update; Freezing/No Application for Sewer Capacity.*

**Correspondence**

*None*

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Councilmember Sawatzky moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. The motion passed.*

Adrienne Nielsen  
City Clerk